

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: July 9, 2015

Agenda Item: 2015 Deer and Elk Quotas Outside Biennial Quota Ranges

Division: Wildlife

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 20 minutes

Background

The Commission previously adopted a numerical range for deer and elk B-licenses for each hunting district within which FWP can make changes that do not need Commission approval. Changes outside the adopted range, however, do need Commission approval. There are no proposed changes to deer. Elk B-license quota changes outside the adopted range are listed below. No other changes are proposed.

- Increase the Fleecer HD 319-00 from 30 to 250
- Decrease the Radersburg HD 380-00 (valid entire HD) from 250 to 125
- Increase the Radersburg HD 380-01 (valid south ½ HD) from 150 to 250
- Increase Dry Creek-Duck Creek HD 391-00 from 300 to 475
- Increase Dry Creek-Duck Creek HD 392-00 from 175 to 300

FWP biologists have proposed these changes in a continuing effort to manage elk populations to objective, minimize conflicts on private land, and encourage elk use of public land.

Public Involvement Process & Results

Formal public comment ended July 2. Comments have been forwarded to the Commission.

Alternatives and Analysis

No alternatives were considered.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends that the Commission approve the proposed changes to elk B-license ranges.

Proposed Motion

I move that the Fish & Wildlife Commission approve the changes to elk B-license quotas as recommended by FWP.